

# Town of Arlington

5854 Airline Road, Arlington, TN 38002



**Town Of Arlington  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen  
July 2, 2012  
6:30 P.M.**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Present

Mike Wissman, Mayor  
Harry McKee, Vice Mayor  
Gerald McGee, Alderman  
Oscar Brooks, Alderman  
Glen Bascom, Jr., Alderman  
Brian Thompson, Alderman  
Jeff McKee, Alderman

Others Present

Charles Perkins, Attorney  
Gerald Lawson, Attorney  
Heather Sparkes, Planner  
Catherine Durant, Recorder  
See List

Mayor Wissman called the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting to order and advised that a quorum was established.

### **II. OPENING PRAYER**

Vice Mayor McKee led the opening prayer.

### **III. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Alderman Oscar Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE BMA Meeting of June 4, 2012.**

Mayor Wissman called for a motion to approve the minutes from the BMA Meeting of June 4, 2012.

**Motion:** Alderman McGee made a motion to approve the Board of Mayor and Aldermen minutes of June 4, 2012. Alderman Brooks seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman called for additions or corrections. Hearing no reply, he called for a vote.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion carried unanimously.

## V. GRIEVANCES & COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Mayor Wissman asked if any citizen wished to address the Board to please come to the podium, state your name and address for the record.

Mayor Wissman recognized Roger Mathis, 12009 Henning Oaks. Mr. Mathis asked the Town to consider going to a level billing system to offset the higher costs in the summer when residents are watering their plants and yards to keep them alive. He noted that electricity for air conditioning also rises in the summer, making the summer bills the highest of the year. He suggested that the Board consider a level billing system to average out utility costs over the year. Mayor Wissman thanked Mr. Mathis and noted that MLGW has a program similar to what he is requesting; however, he is not sure if this can be done for the Town's sewer billing. Mr. Haley advised that Staff can look into this matter. Mayor Wissman called for further comments. There were no further comments from citizens.

## VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

### A. Shelby County Sheriff's Department Incident Report for the Month of May 2012.

Mayor Wissman noted that the Sheriff's representative was not present. Ms. Durant advised that the report for May was on file if anyone wanted to review it. There was a brief discussion.

### B. Other as Properly Presented

1. Mayor Wissman advised that Town Hall has been remodeled. He stated that the job, with the exception of the furniture, has been completed.
2. Mayor Wissman advised that due to the Fourth of July holiday, calls have been coming in regarding the countywide burn ban and what our municipal code allows. Mayor Wissman recognized Chief Rutledge who advised that the burn ban is strictly for open burning and does not prohibit outdoor cooking or fireworks. Chief Rutledge advised that fireworks are illegal in Shelby County unless changed by local code. He read the Town's municipal code with regard to fireworks and suggested that anyone lighting fireworks use caution.
3. There was nothing further to come before the Board.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

All committee reports, including the Treasurer's Report and financial reports, for the month of June are on file at Town Hall and have been provided to the Board. Mayor Wissman asked if anyone wished to report on their committee. Vice Mayor McKee read the Treasurer's Report into the record.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Other as Properly Presented

There was no old business brought forward.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Resolution 2012-20 to authorize contract with Pierce Manufacturing Inc., to purchase one Pierce Arrow-XT Custom Pumper, per specifications and proposal dated May 23, 2012.

Mayor Wissman called for a motion to approve.

**Main Motion:** Alderman Brooks made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-20. Alderman McKee seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman called for discussion. It was asked if the pumper still has everything the Fire Department wants on it and what the color will be. Chief Rutledge replied that yes, it has everything and the color is black over red. Vice Mayor McKee asked Ms. Durant to briefly explain the financing. Ms. Durant responded that the next item on the agenda contains a scenario that explains the debt obligation approved on May 7, 2012, by Resolution 2012-14. She briefly outlined how the funding will be handled. Mayor Wissman called for further discussion. Hearing no reply, he called for a vote.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion carried unanimously.

### B. Report on Debt Obligation in compliance with Town of Arlington Debt Policy.

Information purposes only.

Mayor Wissman noted that this is what Ms. Durant discussed in the previous item and asked if she had anything further to add. Ms. Durant noted that the main thing is that the BMA authorized a Debt Policy on behalf of the Town of Arlington and according to the Comptroller of the Treasury we need to show that we are meeting the terms of that policy. She stated that this report to the BMA is in compliance with the Debt Policy and reviewed the details of the debt. She also noted that the Town of Arlington has its first bond rating from Moody's. It is "Aa3" which is higher than anticipated. This will hold debt costs down on current debt and on future debt. Mayor Wissman called for further discussion. Hearing no reply, he called for a vote.

### C. Appointment of Municipal Schools Planning Commission Members.

Mayor Wissman called for a motion to approve.

**Main Motion:** Vice Mayor McKee made a motion to approve the creation of recommendations to the Municipal Schools Planning Commission. Alderman Bascom seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman advised that the main question everyone is asking is how the Town is preparing itself for a new school board. He stated that the Town is doing as much as it can with its staff and employees and noted that this is an additional workload to their already busy days. Therefore, his goal is to put a planning commission in place to get meetings scheduled, do a superintendent search, create a policy manual, and work on getting the community/PTA and the TN School Board Association involved, as well as set up offices and organization for the new board, etc. Mayor Wissman stated that he wants to have a plan and outline in place for the new School Board, and to achieve this he wants to appoint a commission which would start in July 2012 and expire when the Board is elected. Mayor Wissman noted that he is somewhat disappointed with the number of people actually expressing a desire to be involved. He commented that everyone talks about the school situation, but they are not stepping up. Mayor Wissman noted that in addition to himself, he is appointing Barbara Fletcher, a retired educator; Lee Mills; Kay Williams, a retired educator and a Teacher's Association Officer; Holly West; and Russell Wiseman, former Mayor of Arlington, who will not run for the Board, but is willing to serve on the Commission. He noted that this leaves two vacant slots that may be filled at a later date if necessary. Mayor Wissman noted that the commission will be advisory only and will not vote on anything - they will do the prep work. He called for suggestions and Alderman Thompson responded with a recommendation to appoint Kevin Yates, who expressed interest in serving on the commission and has also expressed interest in running for the school board. Alderman Bascom suggested Hugh Lamar for the commission. Mayor Wissman responded that if Mr. Lamar would contact him, he would be glad to talk with him. Mayor Wissman called for further discussion. Alderman Bascom asked when the commission would meet. Mayor Wissman replied that he is trying to get a meeting scheduled for later this month at Town Hall. It was noted that the meetings will be open to the public.

Mayor Wissman called for a vote.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion carried unanimously.

D. Other as properly presented.

1. Mayor Wissman called on Gerald Lawson, Town Attorney, who referred to the lawsuit filed by the County Commission and suggested allowing Mayor Wissman to enter into a contract for outside legal counsel to respond, if necessary, to the county lawsuit, and to set up a separate budget line item not to exceed \$50,000. Mayor Wissman called for a motion.

**Main Motion:** Alderman Bascom made a motion to authorize Mayor Mike Wissman to retain legal counsel upon the recommendation of the Town Attorney to file any and all legal actions, including litigation as required in relation to the establishment of an Arlington Municipal School system in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the payment of said legal services, which invoices shall be reviewed by the Town Attorney. Alderman McGee seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman called for discussion and stated that the Town is not involved in any lawsuit right now regarding the school issue; however, this is just in case we are brought into the lawsuit. Mr. Lawson stated that the County Commission

filed the suit for third party relief. He noted that this motion would allow the mayor to interview and hire legal counsel to represent the Town. Alderman Thompson reiterated that the Town is not named in the suit; however, he believes that giving the Mayor the authority to act should something develop is good planning. There was a brief discussion, and Mayor Wissman called for a vote.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion carried unanimously.

2. There was no other new business to come before the Board.

#### X. APPROVAL OF BILLS

**Motion:** Alderman Thompson made a motion to approve bills for payment. Alderman Brooks seconded the motion.

Mayor Wissman called for discussion. Hearing no reply, he called for a vote.

**Vote on Motion:** The motion carried unanimously.

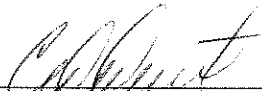
#### XI. ADJOURNMENT


**Motion:** Alderman McGee made a motion to adjourn. Vice Mayor McKee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Mike Wissman, Mayor

  
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Catherine D. Durant, Recorder

  
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Date

Submitted By: Theresa Smith, Planning Clerk